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AUTHORITY**

BRIEFING: MAY 2010 EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Agenda Item #3

TO: Committee Chairman Pringle and Committee Members Florez and Kopp

FROM: Carrie Pourvahidi, Executive Director

DATE: 04/29/10

RE: Proposed Draft Memorandum of Understanding with Federal Railroad Administration and Transbay Joint Powers Authority

Description/Background

On April 21, 2010, Authority staff was informed that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) was preparing a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and that the FRA contemplated that the parties to the MOU would include FRA, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA), and the California High-Speed Rail Authority. A draft of the proposed MOU was not received until late in the day on Monday, April 26th.

The draft proposed MOU has been provided to our legal counsel who are reviewing it. They have also communicated with the FRA's general counsel and expect to have discussions with TJPA's counsel, as well.

Our legal counsel have informed staff that they are currently not in a position to make any recommendations to the Authority concerning the proposed MOU. They note that there is a likelihood that one or more of the prospective parties to the MOU may request changes to the draft.